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A method for increasing the tensile, breaking and flexural strength of coloured leads. The method is characterized in that 1 to 50 percent by weight alkyl and/or hydroxyalkyl cellulose which are soluble in organic solvents and whose alkyl radicals can be straight-chained or branched are added to the lead substance. The invention also relates to coloured pencils containing said coloured leads.